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## PRESS RELEASE

United States Attorney Richard S. Hartunian announced that Douglas M. Cavanaugh Jr. was sentenced today in United States District Court to concurrent terms of imprisonment of four years (4) on six counts of filing false claims for tax refunds from the Internal Revenue Service. In November, 2011, Cavanaugh Jr. was convicted following a jury trial on all six counts of the federal indictment.

Cavanaugh Jr., 46, formerly of Binghamton, was originally indicted in December 2010, when a warrant was issued for Cavanaugh Jr.'s arrest. On March 23, 2011, Cavanaugh Jr. was arrested by U.S. Marshals at Los Angeles International Airport shortly after he arrived on a flight which originated in Brisbane, Australia, where Cavanaugh Jr. most recently resided. Evidence presented during the trial showed that in February 2009, Cavanaugh Jr. filed and assisted in filing with the Internal Revenue Service a total of six false tax returns claiming refunds totaling \$1,045,587.31.

In addition to the terms of imprisonment, Senior United States District Court Judge Thomas J. McAvoy imposed concurrent three year periods of supervised release on each of the six counts, which will follow completion of Cavanaugh Jr.'s term of imprisonment.

The case was investigated by the Internal Revenue Service Criminal Investigation Division, Syracuse Office, under the direction of Victor Lessoff, Special Agent in Charge, New York Field Office. The case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Thomas P. Walsh. Further inquiries may be directed to the United States Attorney's Office, Binghamton branch office, at (607) 773-2887.

